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Mid-blizzard crash investigation underway

BY KEVIN VINK

MVP Staff

Police are investigating to determine what set off the chain reaction of collisions in the pileup on the QEII on Monday, Dec. 2.

Because of the sheer number of vehicles and people involved in the pileup just a few kilometres south of the Didsbury overpass, it is going to take some time, according to Cpl. Darrin Turnbull of the Airdrie RCMP's Integrated Traffic Unit (ITU), which sent officers out to the scene.

"Unfortunately, when we have a collision involving 24 vehicles that were damaged, and vehicles that were in the midst that weren't damaged... and they're providing statements as well," said Turnbull.

It will be a lengthy process to get the entire situation figured out to see who was to blame, and though weather surely played a factor, because of the laws regarding rear-ending, those people who rear-ended other vehicles are responsible for the damage they caused, he noted.

"Drivers also have the responsibility upon themselves to go at a speed so that if something does happen in front of them, they can avoid it," he said.

"We're taking our own lives in our own hands every time we drive a vehicle."

"If you're driving 100 kilometres an hour down the highway in the middle of a blizzard, and you can only see 100 metres in front of you, you're willing to take the risk of there not being a fully-loaded semi truck with explosives stopped in the middle of the highway."

He said it is frustrating, because despite all the warnings that were put out through the media, people were still driving unsafely.

The ITU had three or four police cruisers set up at a time on the highway, trying to get people to slow down before the traffic jam, he said.

"And they would be coming at us at 100 kilometres an hour, and it's impossible for them to stop in time. Even with the police cars and the emergency lights flashing, they still didn't see us in time, and several times the officers that were out here almost got hit. It was a very dangerous situation."

"We had officers almost getting hit because people were still going too fast."

At the time of the collisions, the temperature at the nearest weather station - located in Didsbury - was -15 degrees Celsius, but with the wind chill it was -29.9 degrees Celsius. The northwest wind gusted to a high of 56 km/h at 12:42 p.m., and visibility was extremely poor.

Four people were sent to hospital with minor injuries, he added.

Both Didsbury and Carstairs emergency personnel were on scene, and the Town of Didsbury provided transport for those stranded in the crash to the Multi-Purpose Room of the memorial complex, where they stayed until they could find accommodations in town.

One man, who declined to provide his name due to the police investigation, said he was in one of the first vehicles involved in the crash.



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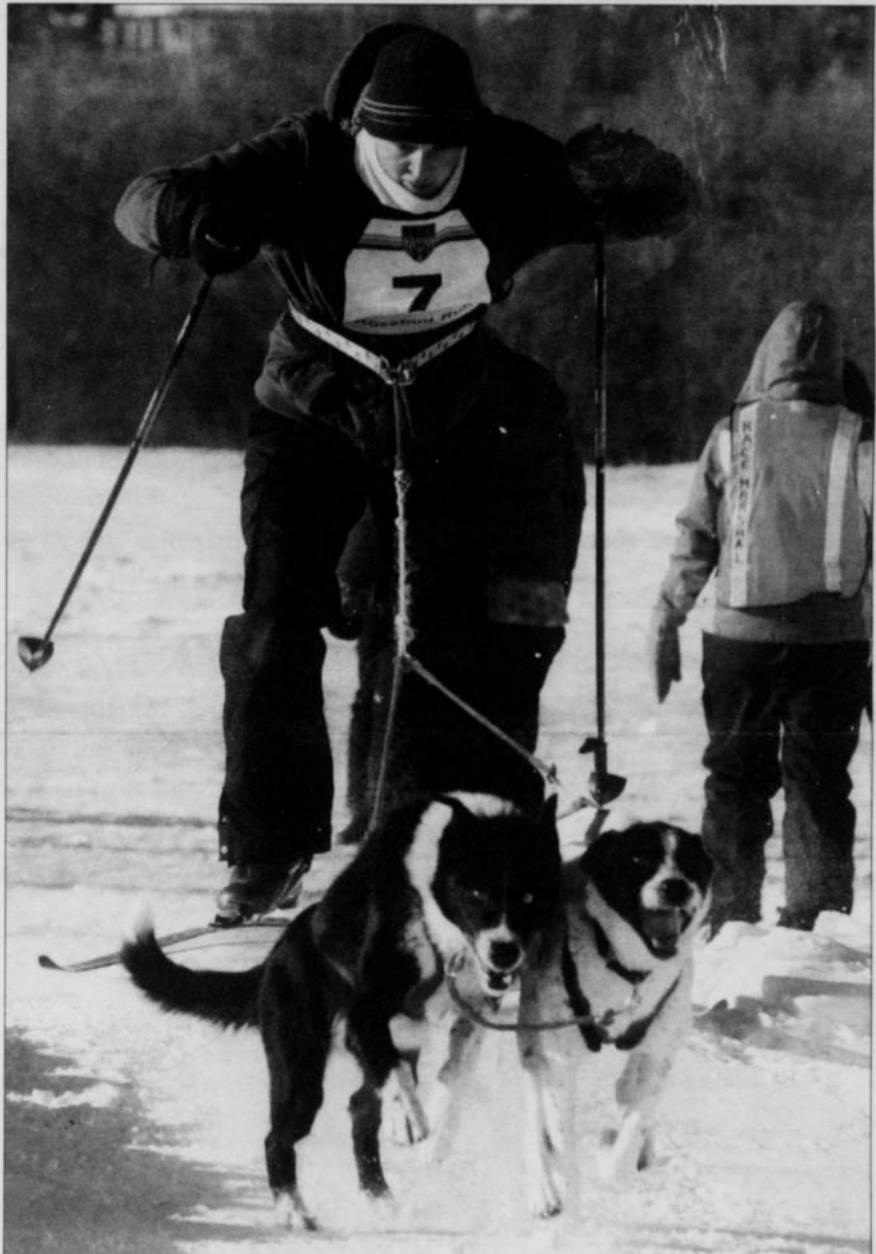
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WEEKEND RUN - Ivar Appelman takes off from the starting line during the skijoring 4 mile section. Turn to page 4 to read more.

He and some co-workers were headed to Calgary from Edmonton after finishing a contracting job, and he said that a semi-truck had stopped on the road in the left-hand lane.

"He stopped, and two people actually hit him, including us," he said, noting that he felt five individual impacts on the van he was a passenger in.

"After that, it was one hit after the other, it was just like in the movies. We even had a Fed-Ex truck hit us."

He said the driver of his vehicle and a passenger on the driver's side were sent to hospital with lower-back injuries, but he said he thought they will be fine.



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Finding new ways to spread the Gospel

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Chinook Winds Christian Centre was renamed last month to Venue Church, and Pastor Corey Kope explains that it was much more than simply a change in name.

Kope took over as pastor of the non-denominational church when his mom and dad, Beth and Richard Kope, stepped down after leading their congregation for over 30 years, and he noted that the change in name came after much discussion with other members of the church.

One of the biggest things that had been on his mind in the year leading up to him taking the reins as pastor was that he noticed many in his generation who were raised in church did not stay in church as their lives progressed.

"Part of that has to do nowadays with marketability," said Kope, hesitant to use that term.

"We had to decide as a church who the church was here for."

When having conversations about the change, he and the other members examined the direction the church was headed in, and asked themselves some hard questions.

They came up with the answer that though the church is there for churchgoers, it's also for those who don't attend, for whatever reason.

"So we couldn't ignore the Internet platform any longer, and decided at any cost to begin to be as effective as we could,

which raised the other question for us: is our target audience only in our area?"

The group realized though their church was in Didsbury, the Internet allows contact with people across the globe, which allows the reach of Kope's teaching to extend far beyond the town the church is located in.

They found there is a casino chain in the United States named Chinook Winds, and because they wanted to get onto the web, Kope said they thought it best if they changed the name to avoid confusion with that chain.

Through a stroke of luck, one of Kope's friends had to get rid of all his video-recording equipment, and Kope decided to bring it into the church.

Since the acquisition, a group of technology-savvy church members has been recording sermons and putting the videos online, with some good results.

He noted the videos have collectively been getting about 200 views a week through the church's website, but added because he cannot count how many views the podcasts get on iTunes, he cannot be entirely sure of the count.

The new name of the church came to the group after discussions of where they would like to see the church going, and after they ironed out the new mission statement for the church, he said.

"Our goal as a church

is to create the scene or the setting where people are highly impacted by the person of Jesus," he said.

"That word, 'scene' was floating around in our conversation for the past six months, and that definition is actually the definition of the word 'venue.'

They realized to narrow their focus, they had to create a venue where 'it' happens for people, he added.

He hopes the change in focus will help bring more young people into church, and even some from his own generation who left the church to begin with.

"It's not all about the youngest generation, but until we find a way to tie the generations together, we really can't afford another generation largely walking out of church," he said.

By trying to cater to a multi-generational audience, through the online broadcasts of his sermons and lessons, he is hoping the younger generation can at least hear the messages he is



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Pastor Corey Kope in the church's sanctuary on Nov. 30.

teaching, whether or not they ever enter through the doors of the church.

Although the church's online presence is still in development, he thought now was the best time to change the name, rather than a few years down

the road, and it works well since he recently took over as the pastor, he said.

Within a year, he is hoping to have a high-definition podcast both on iTunes as well as the church website, he

added.

For those interested, the videos are available for free on iTunes under Venue Church by Corey Kope, and are also available for viewing and downloading at (www.venuechurch.ca).

Vipond takes gold, earns second place ranking in Alberta for fencing

BY LEA SMALDON
MVP Staff

After five years of training and competing, a young Carstairs Corsairs member recently achieved a long sought after goal.

Rowan Vipond, who lives in the Didsbury area, won a gold in the U-13 Foil event at the Julie Luan Open Fencing Tournament, held Nov. 22.

The 12-year-old was the only Corsairs member to compete at the tournament hosted by the Edmonton club.

"For this one, I wanted to get gold, badly," said a proud Vipond, who has achieved silver in competitions before, but never gold.

Despite a few tense moments in the tournament, including several

loses and a near elimination during one match, Vipond advanced to the finals determined to achieve his goal.

With matches lasting only a few minutes each, Vipond said competitors have to be agile and smart to reach their required 10 points before their opponent.

"Foil is different than epee. The target is the chest only. You have to be exact," he said.

Vipond is currently ranked second in the

province in his event.

He intends to continue competing and training with the Corsairs under coaches James Birchall and Justene Ortman.

"It's fun and you just get better and better at it the more you train," said Vipond.

The club will be accepting registrations for the upcoming winter session, starting on Jan. 7, 2014 for returning students and Feb. 4, 2014 for beginning students.

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R is off to a great start this year. They completed the tiering round undefeated, and were moved up from tier 5 to tier 4 for the season. There are only 12 players, but everyone has practiced hard week in and week out, conditioning, learning different positions, and playing as a team. Players, parents, and coaches look forward to an exciting, successful, and fun winter of hockey. The Didsbury Ramblers Novice 2 team is: Chase Aarsby, Donavan Bedard, Henry Bommarito, Jaxson Hosegood, Cole Howard, Taedon Milburn, Blake Miller, Peyton Reese, Sierra Reese, Brody Rylance, Nathan Torchia, and Dawson Vince. By: Chris Framarin



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Slow and steady, town roads are being cleared

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town of Didsbury staff and contractors were working long and hard last week to get the roads cleared out, and successfully got the primary and secondary roads mostly cleared by the end of last week, according to officials.

CAO Roy Brown addressed the town's involvement in the snow clearing because Greg Skotheim, manager of public works, was busy clearing streets.

"Basically council has a priority list of snow routes. The Priority 1 routes will be cleared first, then they go on to Priority 2 and so on," said Brown, referring to the town's Snow Removal Policy.

The policy lists Priority 1 snow routes as 10th, 19th, 20th and 23rd

streets, along with 15th, 19th and 20th avenues.

Priority 2 routes include Westhill, Deer Coulee and Vala Rosa drives, as well as 7th, 11th, and 22nd avenues, and 12th, 14th, 16th, 18th and 19th streets.

"It's been more difficult this time because of the amount of snow," noted Brown.

"We can't just plow it – we have to pick it up and take it away, because there's just not room to put it anywhere, so therefore it's more costly and it's slower."

Garbage pickup was suspended last week because the trucks were getting stuck, and he noted that both garbage and recycling will be picked up this week, and that people can load their garbage bins more than usual.

"If the tops are open, we're not going



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A vehicle drives around a large pile of snow at the intersection of 19 Avenue and 20 Street on Dec. 4.

to worry about it, but we're going to ask people to be courteous and try to ensure that it doesn't get blown around."

As far as recyclables go, residents can bag up extra materials and place them next to their blue bins and they will be picked up, he added.

He asks residents to be patient with town staff, because it is going to take a while before the streets are back to normal.

"All of us would like our street done first, however that is just not possible.

Our staff have been working 24 hours a day and we've brought in extra crews and equipment to try and meet the needs so we can get to all the alleys and roads sooner."

He added that the Didsbury Fire Department volunteers have been doing a great job responding to calls despite the weather.

"They've had I don't know how many calls in the last (few) days, but they've been responding in very, very challenging conditions, and we really appreciate the work they've done."



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OPPORTUNITY

Enjoying the snow in the best way

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Rosebud Run Sleddog Society (RRSS) held the annual Rosebud Run Sleddog Classic last weekend, Dec. 7 and 8, and despite some complications due to the recent weather, organizers say it went well.

RRSS president Bill Windsor said Saturday was a cold day and that Sunday was more blustery, but it was all in keeping with the races they hold every year.

The mushers enjoyed it and were all able to make it to the race, with 27 teams and 23 racers, he noted.

"It was good," said Windsor. "We did the four-dog open and purebred, then the six-dog open and purebred, four-mile skijouring, the junior class and novice class, and one heat each day of all of those."

Racers and volunteers were treated to a dinner on Saturday at the museum and prepared for another day of racing on Sunday.

"It was about minus 12 to minus 14, but with the wind it was way colder. And it just cut right through you. However, by 10:30, 11, the sun came out and it quit blowing and it was beautiful near the end of the race," he said.

Preparing the track for the race was no easy task, he added, noting that because of all the wind last week, the track had large drifts in some portions and was bare in others.

"During the course of the week we rebuilt the trail...we had shoveling crews out there moving snow around all week," he said, adding that they also brought in a skid-steer.

"It was a huge, huge job to get that

ready, but it's done, the race was good, and we're happy."

He said it was a little blustery Sunday morning. "Windy and snow and blowing. You couldn't see very far. It was an interesting morning."

But it was all in keeping with the races they hold at the Rosebud Run, he joked.

Saturday was cold, but it was good, he added. "We didn't have any particular issues on Saturday, it was just really cold. It was minus 34 at the start of the races and it didn't warm up much past minus 22 in the afternoon."

He added that the community really pulled together to help make the races a success.

The results of the races are as follows:

Four-dog Purebred:

- 1 - Dena Wannamaker
- 2 - Rachel Wannamaker
- 3 - Rhonda Williamson-Fradette

Six-dog Purebred:

- 1 - Dena Wannamaker
- 2 - Hans Appelman
- 3 - Paul Rintoul

Six-dog Open:

- 1 - Dena Wannamaker
- 2 - Cheryl Sheppard
- 3 - Rochelle Byiers

Four-dog Open:

- 1 - Raija Easterbrook
- 2 - Cheryl Sheppard
- 3 - Rachel Wannamaker

Skijoring Four-mile:

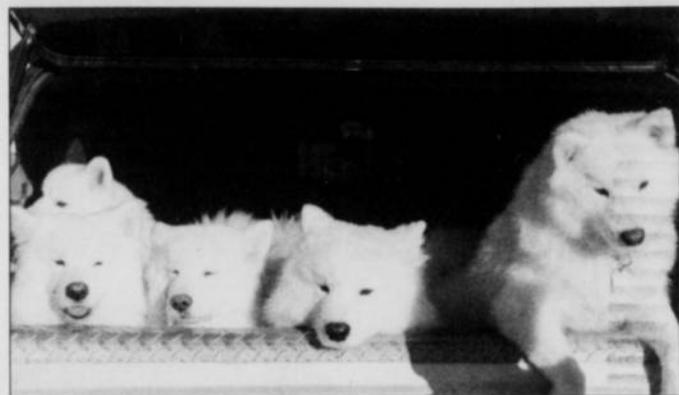
- 1 - Ivar Appelman
- 2 - Raija Easterbrook
- 3 - Hans Appelman

Juniors:

- 1 - Elise Scrivener
- 2 - Noelle Scrivener
- 3 - Addisyn Delta Siega

Two-mile Novice:

- 1 - Lisa Weber



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A group of Samoyed dogs stick their heads out of the back of a vehicle during the annual Rosebud Run dog sled races in Didsbury on Dec. 7.



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Above - Raija Easterbrook makes her way through a section of the race course on the property of For Trees during the skijoring four-mile section.
Below - Rochelle Byiers crosses the finish line with Cheryl Sheppard hot on her heels during the six-dog open section.



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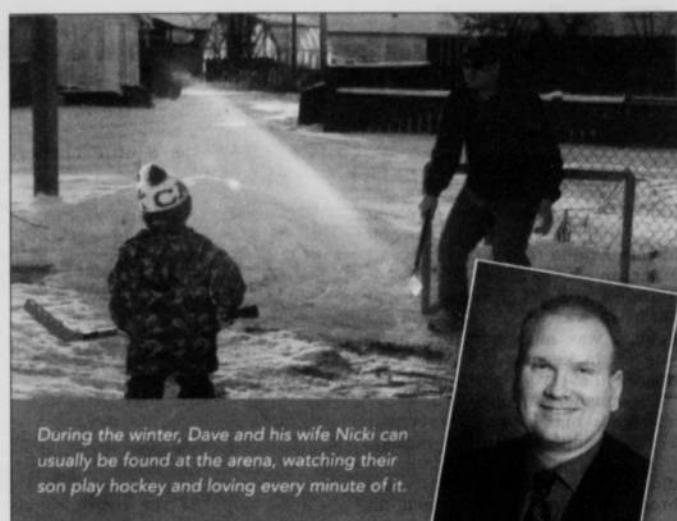
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Thanks to the volunteers who came out to our last work parties. All the garlands were fluffed and Ron Townrow, (Through the Grapevine), worked early mornings and into the night to get them all hung. Thank you so much for your many hours as well as the use of your truck. Thank you also to our fluffers, Margo Ward, Dionne Blatz & Dawn Goosen (Value Drug Mart), Ian & Jennifer Kennedy & grandsons, Diana Steer (Longhorn Painting), Ken Jordet, Graham Sherick, Bev Bigeman, Bob Horn, Cherry Ohlhauser, Marjorie Fraser, and Carol Haine, some wonderful devoted citizens of Didsbury. Also a very special Thank You to the Didsbury Elks for the use of their hall, so that we did not have to freeze to death to get the job done. Our downtown is ready for Christmas and it looks phenomenal!

The next project of the Chamber of Commerce is the Residential Lighting Contest. We originally published the date for the middle of November, but realized, due to the weather, that many of the lights were not up, so the date has been moved to December 1st to the 7th. Be sure to keep your lights on that week while we get around to do our judging. Please call Deanne at the office (403-335-3265) if you notice a great display in the country. We will need detailed directions for entries in the country so we do not get lost! Winners will be announced in the December 17th Review. We are looking forward to seeing all of the great displays, and good luck to everyone.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Snow Angels on the loose

We'd like to send heart-felt "THANK YOU!"s to all of the wonderful Snow Angels on Deer Coulee Dr. in Didsbury. We have seen you out there with Bobcats, snow blowers and even shovels as you clear our street, the sidewalks, the driveways, and even the walking path along the coulee.

We, your neighbours, appreciate your efforts very much, and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2014!

Ina and Wayne Sandy

Snow removal concerns

Why is snow removal, or lack off, so difficult to manage in Didsbury? This last storm has myself and all my neighbours wondering the same thing, and quite frankly we are fed up.

I called the switchboard Tuesday afternoon after spending four hours shovelling. I thought my taxes paid for someone to do that for me, and I was told that they were out on the 'priority routes,' and would get to the rest of us after that.

Well, I walked to the store at 3:30 Tuesday and was absolutely amazed that these so called "priority routes" were not touched.

The roads were in a terrible state and practically impassable. I haven't seen a plow for three straight days, and after taking two days off work – I couldn't get out of my driveway – my wonderful neighbour had his friend come over and move a pile of snow with his bobcat.

I have to say that this is a definite problem here and I hope our new mayor is going to look into this issue and get it resolved.

Candy Rice
Didsbury

DEFINITION OF INSANITY: CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN THE BIG CITY YEAR AFTER YEAR – EXPECTING SANE RESULTS...



Editorial

Distractions have no place in winter driving

But drivers just aren't getting the message



DAN
SINGLETON

The recent wintry blast that created very dangerous driving conditions on highways and roads across West Central Alberta is a painful reminder that wintertime in this region can sometimes be a nightmare for motorists. With dozens and dozens of crashes to deal with, emergency crews, including EMS, firefighters and police were kept very busy across the district.

In many cases those same emergency personnel put their own well-being at risk when they came out to rescue stranded and injured drivers and passengers.

Without the outstanding and selfless effort of those same rescuers, many of those same motorists would

certainly have suffered much greater hardship. In fact, in some cases those rescuers were likely lifesavers too. No question, the community at large once again owes a big thank-you to the region's emergency personnel. There's no doubt that sometimes highway and roadway accidents are unavoidable, such as in the case where sudden drifting or whiteout conditions create immediate and unforeseen road hazards. In those cases, drivers cannot and should not be blamed for their misfortunes.

In other cases, however, drivers are to blame and should be held accountable, both to themselves and their passengers as well as to other motorists and emergency workers.

Whether it is driving far too fast for the conditions, driving while distracted, or driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, far too many motorists continue to put themselves ahead of the safety of other motorists and rescue personnel.

For example, RCMP in the region say

many, many drivers continue to talk on hand-held cellphones while out on area roads. Is it at all uncommon to see motorists chatting away on their mobile phones as they barrel down highways in the region? Sadly, no it isn't.

Why are those drivers not getting the message when it comes to distracted driving? Are the fines, which start at \$172, not tough enough? Do those drivers somehow believe they are immune from wintertime crashes? If they think so, they are wrong.

No one wants to be in an accident, especially on an ice-covered highway in the freezing cold – where drivers and passengers can face serious risks of injury or even death and where emergency personnel must put themselves in harm's way to save them.

Wintertime in Alberta can sometimes be a nightmare for motorists. Hopefully those drivers who would rather talk on their cellphones instead of putting their full attention to the task of driving safely will think twice when the next big storm hits.

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Miki Town trip to go ahead

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Three town officials will be heading to Miki Town, Japan, following decisions made at a special council meeting on Monday, Dec. 2.

At the meeting, council rescinded the motion made at the last regular council meeting to postpone the trip to allow for further discussion, according to CAO Roy Brown.

Coun. Lavar Adams, CynDee Walden, human resources coordinator, and Greg Skotheim, manager of public works, will be going on the trip, noted Brown.

Although a contentious issue, Brown said council supports the trip, which is paired with a student exchange trip, for a few reasons.

It gives town residents an opportunity

to meet and live with people from other cultures, it helps open students' eyes so they too can get this experience, and there is the possibility of economic development opportunities, he said.

One of the economic benefits that council sees is the development of rare sugars that are currently being researched and produced in Kagawa University in Japan.

The other is a company named Les Gants, which has been producing a glove named after Didsbury, with royalties received from the gloves being put towards the student exchange program.

Prof. Masaaki Tokuda, who is leading the sugar research at Kagawa University, picked Didsbury out of four Alberta communities for Miki Town to twin with, he noted.

"In laboratory testing D-psicose, (the

sugar), has been shown to have significant results for its anti-diabetic and anti-obesity effects," said Brown.

"This discovery is very significant and has major implications for reducing obesity worldwide. It has taken Dr. Tokuda over 10 years to pass all of the regulatory hurdles in Japan to get to be able to produce D-psicose for use in foods that previously contained regular sugar."

Because of the sugar's successful use by over 50 companies in Japan, Tokuda wants to build a production facility in North America.

"Town of Didsbury officials are hopeful that the relationships developed in Japan will result in the marketing arm of the new D-psicose company in Japan to choose Didsbury," he said.

As far as the exchange program, students pay their own way, and two town staff act as chaperones, one of each gender, in case a student needs to

return home for whatever reason.

Besides the sugars and glove royalties, one definite economic benefit is when the twinning project brings visitors to town, say officials.

Every year, about 15 Japanese visitors come and spend time in town, benefiting local businesses, and last year, the Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Conference was held in town, bringing in delegates from across Alberta and Japan, he added.

As far as the trip to Japan, the cost to taxpayers is between \$5,000 and \$6,000, depending on a few variables, but the airfare is covered through Avion points collected on Town of Didsbury credit cards.

The relationship with Miki Town has been in place since 1999 when former mayor Ray Len and his council were approached by the Maple Leaf Exchange Program, led by Tokuda, Brown added.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 pm.
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00 pm.
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, December 11 at 4:30 pm.
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.



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ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	December	January
Black Bin	10,11,12,17,18,19,31	1,2,14,15,16,28,29,30
Green Bin	Collection of green bins will start-up again in the spring of 2014	

• Please visit www.didsbury.ca/recycling to view pick-up zone map to determine what day your bin will be picked up.
• Recycling Blue Bins will be picked up every week on your collection day.

TOWN OF DIDSBUY HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

The Town Office, Didsbury Neighborhood Place, and Public Works will be closed December 24, 25, 26; open until noon on December 31, and closed all day on January 1. The Memorial Complex will be closed on December 25 & 26 and January 1. The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be closed from December 23 - December 27 for scheduled maintenance. Merry Christmas from Mayor Mousseau, Council and Staff!

A MESSAGE FROM CAO ROY BROWN

Thank you

During the past week, Didsbury experienced very severe blizzard conditions. We experienced snow drifts and blocked roads throughout the town. Our Public Works crews worked around the clock to get our streets passable.

I would like to express our appreciation to those staff members who worked so hard and so long to make travelling safer for all of us. Your efforts have been nothing less than outstanding.

As well, a special thanks to the Didsbury Volunteer Fire Department during this time. They have attended numerous accident scenes and call-outs during the past week, weathering the storm to ensure the safety of all. Many thanks.

To Our Citizens

All of us want our front street done first. That is a natural wish but it just isn't possible to grant all of these wishes. The Town of Didsbury has engaged every person and piece of equipment that is available to us. Unfortunately, it will take days to get to all of these areas including drifts in alleys cleaned and the roads made passable.

Long before our first snowfall, priority routes for snow removal were established. If you would like to see if your house is on a priority route, please consult with our website.

Rest assured that we will be working as fast as our resources allow getting to your street. Due to the fact that there has been so much snow, we have to truck the snow away. Plowing is not enough. This is time consuming and expensive.

Last week, we did not have collection of waste and recyclables. Our contractor made a valiant effort to get the waste collected but every time the truck stopped, it sank in the snow and got stuck. Therefore during the week of December 9th, we will have black bin and recyclables pick up. If you black bin is filled and you need to have the top open, we understand, but please take measure to ensure that your waste doesn't blow about. Also, if you have more recyclables than what fits in your bin, please put the recyclables in a plastic bag and the crews will pick them up.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. We are committed to getting Didsbury back to normal as soon as we can. Our staff and contractors are working in a very challenging environment right now and any help that you can provide to your neighbors will be so appreciated. Together, we will get through this challenge.

For more information regarding this media release:

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NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 13-77

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Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 pm on December 23, 2013.

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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Multiple cars prowled, doors were unlocked

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Following several car prowlings in the West Point and West Heights areas of town, police are once again warning residents to ensure their cars are safe from thieves.

Cpl. Clint Gulash said that overnight between Friday, Nov. 29 and the following

morning, several cars were entered by thieves, with one common link: they were all unlocked.

"Basically we had someone going around attempting to get into all unlocked vehicles in (those areas)," said Gulash.

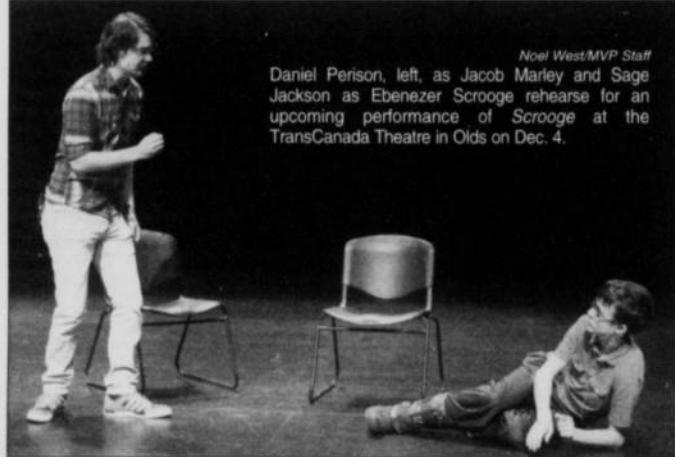
Wallets, phones, sunglasses, cash, and many other valuables were stolen

from the vehicles, he noted.

Gulash himself had been working that night, and patrolled that particular area at about 3 a.m. Saturday morning, and he didn't notice anything odd at that point, so he said the crimes likely occurred after that.

"So again, we're kind of a broken record when it comes to this, but people need to make sure their valuables are out of sight or brought into the house, and that their cars are locked," he added.

"Don't give people a reason to go into your vehicle."



Noel West/MVP Staff
Daniel Perison, left, as Jacob Marley and Sage Jackson as Ebenezer Scrooge rehearse for an upcoming performance of *Scrooge* at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds on Dec. 4.



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Visa fraud

An area resident received a call sometime in November that lead to a compromise of her Visa card, according to police.

She just reported it recently, as her credit card bill came in with an extra \$600 purchase that she didn't make, said Cpl. Clint Gulash.

"Basically (the scammers) were able to convince her to provide personal information, which they utilized to get ahold of her Visa account," said Gulash.

"It's just a reminder to people not to give out personal information to people over the phone. You should never have to give that out to someone."

CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

EARLY DEADLINE DEC. 24 PAPER

The Mountain View Gazette
Ad Booking Deadline
is **TUES., DEC. 17** at 5 p.m.,
copy deadline will be
Noon Wed., Dec 18.

Paper goes to press early: Dec. 19, 2013

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Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Companies with which people have accounts should already have all the information they need to conduct business, especially when they are calling clients' phones, he noted.

The National Anti-Fraud Center's website keeps comprehensive lists of scams and frauds, and keeps tabs on the trending scams. He noted that it is helpful for people to review the lists occasionally to keep

updated on what to look out for.

Coins stolen

A coin collection was stolen from a seasonal residence that was broken into late last month, said Gulash.

The incident occurred sometime between Nov. 29 and 30, and the house, located at Rge. Rd. 44 and Twp. Rd. 303, was broken into through the basement door.

He asked that if anybody in the area noticed any vehicles that they did not recognize, that they report it either to the Didsbury RCMP or Crimestoppers, at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Colts lose steam against Bisons

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts lost against the Okotoks Bisons by a score of 7-3 last Saturday night.

Although it was a loss, coach Brent Youngs isn't too worried about it.

The Colts had a great month, losing one game out of the last 11 or 12, he said.

"So we've had a great run, but unfortunately you're going to have one of these," said Youngs.

"We didn't do too good tonight. We had a good go in the first period. We didn't quite hold on in the second, and we got beat by a little bit better of a team tonight."

Although a loss, he added the Colts beat the Red Deer Vipers on Friday, their first win out of three games against that team.

"They're a good tough team chasing us in the standings, so it was good to get those two points. I think after this we'll have to see how things are but we're still right up in the standings. I think we're about two points from first place right now."

Kevin Vink/MVP Staff



Nicholas Milich (25) tries to get around a Bisons defenceman.

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GOLOSKY

Andrea Golosky passed away suddenly on December 2, 2013. She is survived by her husband Bill Yeo.

The Didsbury Municipal Library will be hosting a celebration of life after Christmas, date to be announced. Please visit the Didsbury Municipal Library's Facebook page or website at dml.pr1ab.ca to keep updated. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Didsbury Municipal Library.



John Arthur Sayer

April 10, 1923, John Arthur Sayer was born on the home farm to his parents, Alexander and Lillie Sayer, the first of 5 children. Through the influence of neighbors, John's parents asked Jesus Christ to be their Savior, followed soon after by their children. John was baptized along with his parents and brother Richard in 1932. He has been a faithful member of West Zion the rest of his life. After completing Grade 10, John began farming, taking a break to attend Bible School and do voluntary service in Ontario. While there he met his 'peach' in a fruit orchard. On October 24, 1953 John and Mary Dettweiler were married. Mary moved with him to Sayer home farm west of Carstairs, Alberta. John and Mary raised their children, Nancy (Johnston), Charlotte (Stace) and Melvin on the farm in a happy, stable home. John and Mary opened their home in hospitality to many people over the years. John was a hard-working farmer, and enjoyed putting on the farm. In August, 1999, John and Mary moved to Sunrise Village in Olds, Alberta where many new friends were made. After Mary passed away in 2002, John managed on his own for several years, finishing his life journey in long-term care in Olds. Predeceasing John is his wife Mary in 2002 and his 2 brothers, Richard and Jim. Mourning his loss are his many friends as well as his children: Nancy (Stephen) Johnston, Charlotte (Greg) Stace and Melvin (Priscilla) Sayer; grandchildren: Aaron, Roland (Amber), Shannon (Brad), Janna, Marissa, Luke, Allen, Angela, Charlotte (Bert) and Melody; great grandchildren: Caleb, Jason, Laela, Carmen, James, Holly, Clarissa, William, and Rhi; siblings, Jane Good and Alberta Cressman; siblings and spouses of the Dettweiler family and many nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held at West Zion Mennonite Church, Carstairs on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. Memorial tributes may be made in his memory to Gideon International in Canada. www.gideons.ca Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Didsbury entrusted with arrangements. 403-335-4773 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



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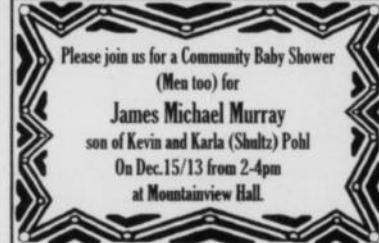
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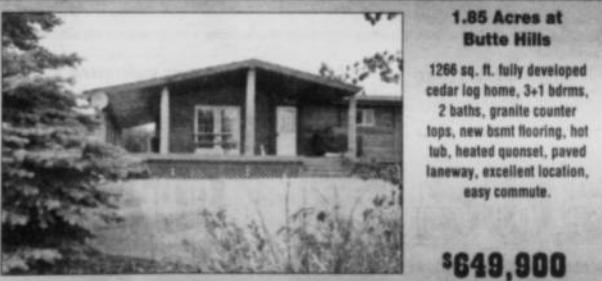
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